Sugarcain area in Tamil Nadu

2577. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in the coverage of area under sugarcane in Tamil Nadu during the last there years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the yield per ton of sugarcane in Tamil Nadu is better than that in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Punjab;

(d) if so, the comparative figures thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to improve the quality of sugracane so far as the yield is concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The estimate of area under sugarcane in Tamil Nadu for the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 was 191.1,196.4 and 207.6 thousand hectares respectively.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The yield estimates of sugarcane for the year 1987-88 in Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Punjab was 105.1, 51.7, 38.0 and 55.0 tonnes per hectare respectively.

(e) The sugarcane producing States are being advised to adopt the strategy for increasing sugarcane production as follows:

(i) Production and distributios of quality seed cane.

(ii) Increasing irrigation facilities.

(iii) Judicious use of fertilizer application.

(iv) Better Management of ratoon.

(v) Larger coverage under plant protection.

(vi) Transfer of technology through various extension systems, including demonstrations with companion crops.

(vii) Training of sugarcane development personnel; and

(viii) Greater participation of sugar factories in cane development.

Production of oilseeds and groundnut in Tamil Nadu

2578. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress in raising the production of oilseeds including groundnut in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(b) the perspective plan drawn up for stepping it up further; and

(c) the target fixed for achievement during the Seventh Plan and how far it could be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Oilseeds production including groundnut, in Tamilnadu during the last three years had been as follows:—

(lakh tonnes)

Year	Production
1985-86 . . .	12.33
1986-87 . . .	11.38 (Drought year)
1987-88 . . .	13.24

(b) Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely, National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) and Oilseeds' Production Thrust Project (OPTP) which are in operation in Tamil Nadu for development of oilseeds, will continue during 1989-90. Under these schemes various incentives by way of financial assistance are provided for

critical inputs like quality seed, plant protection measures, improved farm implements, application of calcium sulphate, large sized demonstration, etc. to the State to take up oilseeds cultivation on large scale.

(c) The target of Oilseeds Production for the terminal year of Seventh Plan (1989-90) in the State is 15.0 lakh tonnes which is likely to be achieved under favourable weather conditions.

Import of foodgrains

2579. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to import foodgrains even after Government has claimed that the crops are better than the past years;

(b) if so, what are the names of the items alongwith their quantities and the countries from where imported;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange involved therein and whether the same amount could have been utilised for producing more crops in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) At present there is no proposal with the Government to import wheat or rice.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Taking loan from Japan

2580. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Burnpur works of Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited is taking loans from Japan;

(b) if so, whether Government have allowed individual companies to raise foreign loans;

(c) if so, the total amount of loan sanctioned; and

(d) what are the details of mode of repayment schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir. However the Government of Japan have extended a loan of Yen 5.546 million (equivalent to Rs. 67.30 crores approximately) for Engineering Services for the modernisation of Indian Iron and Steel Co. Ltd. The loan agreement was signed between Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs and Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), an official loan giving agency of Government of Japan, on 6-1-89. The loan amount is repayable over a period of 30 years including a grace period of 10 years and carries an interest rate of 2.5 per cent per annum.

(b) to (d) The Government allows individual companies to raise foreign loans on a selective basis on the basis of certain guidelines. The terms of such foreign loans would depend upon the currency in which such loans are raised, credibility of the Indian borrower, status of the lender, international market conditions etc.

Sale of Booklet 'Rohini Registrants Scheme's by DDA

2581. SHRI G SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that D. D. A. have started selling of booklets which contain the priority number of the applicants who have registered their names with the 'ROHINI REGISTRANTS SCHEME';

(b) if so, whether it is compulsory to purchase this book only to note the priority number;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and the last date for purchasing the same; and